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Happy Holidays!

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DANCE TONIGHT - DEC. 10

Tonight the first dance of the school year will be held in the middle school gym . Beginning at 7 and lasting until 10, the Christmas dance is open to all 6, 7 and 8th graders. Tickets were 75¢ if bought during lunch hours at school and will be $1.00 at the door tonight. Door prizes will be awarded. The music for the danee will be records. Don't miss it!

by J.T.

Rubberneck in Rehearsal

One week from tonight the school play Rubberneck will be performed in the middle school auditorium . The cast and Ms. Lundquist have been working hard these last several weeks.

The crews who provide lighting, sound effects, and who construct the sets for the play often receive little formal applause so in advance of the play, here is an introduction of the crews. Design and Props: Cindy Wells, Cindy Carpenter, Laurie Knapp, Jayne Towle and Dawn Pierson. Paint Crew: Wendy DeValle, Shelly Burnham, Laura Turas, Beth Hoogstratten, Karan Diljak. Lighting Crew : Mike Markus, Tom Carlsen, Jlinda Jach, Dave Rivette. Sound Effects: Terry Miller. Program Ads: Laurie Knapp. Costumes: Jean Diljak. Ushers : Todd Kubiczak and Lester Wilson.

by S.T.

7th Grade Basketball - Boys

This reporter asked Mr. Erickson "Why do you coach basketball?" He replied that he likes teaching fundamentals and that he thinks he is qualified to teach them. He also enjoys working with the boys.

This reporter , who is also a player, thinks that Mr. Erickson is a fine coach and he thinks that Mr. Erickson is thoughtful of his players and does not expect too much from his players.

As a reminder to all basketball fans, the season began Dec. 2. Those on the 7th grade teams are :

"A" team members, Scott Brill, Jim Duell Ken Dietz, Robert Foraker, Randy Nott, Lars Holter, Chris Jones, Dave Lindenback, Scott Vander Molen, while the"B" team includes Todd Baker, Kyle Caldwell Clair Carr, Tim Devantier, Rick Counterman, Jim Cox, Jeoff Flint, Jamey Pursley, Marty Root, Matt Serbenski. by K.C.

YEARBOOK STAFF HARDATWORK

Today is your last chance to buy a yearbook. The cost is extremely low when compared to other jr. highs. Because of our student council fund raisers, we are able to offer a hard cover book for only $3.00. You must reserve your copy today to receive one in May. These are history books in the making- the best kind of history since it's yours!

The yearbook staff is working very hard to get the book out. The hour goes by quickly each week since Ms. Ruggles al ways has something for them to do. The yearbook is going to be a 48-page , hard-cover, illustrated book. It needs a cover desing so submit those to Ms. Ruggl today and win a pizza.

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Votes For Your Favorite Season

This month's opinion poll asked what if you could vote on a favorite season, which one would you choose and why?

Ms. Lundquist chose summer because "I can put the top down on my car."

Mrs. Dobbs elects fall- the weather cools down.

Mr. Edinger also chooses fall "because of hunting season.

Mrs. Cusomano likes spring best the weather is getting warmer.

Mr. Topp preferred fall because of "colors, temperature, and hunting season."

Mr. Lutz likes "summer because I like to be outside and get involved with water sports."

Mrs. Mahanty likes "srping best because we know it will soon be summer."

Wendy McKenzie chooses "spring because new things are being born all the time and it's not really cold all the time or really hot."

Debbie Schram selects fall "because of the pretty leaves."

Jeri Whitworth likes "winter because you can play in the snow and it's Christmas."

Terri Guiboa likes summer "because you ahve good weather most of the time."

Denise Noble prefers spring because it smells of hings beginning to live."

Rose Hoogstraten chooses "summer . It's warm weather and you can do a lot more things. Besides I can't stand cold weather."

Frank Kissel likes "spring. It's a time when all living things wake up from their winter sleep."

Dave Dean chooses " winter because you go sliding, snwomobiling, skiiing, and you may get out of school."

Dave Schuster likes summer best "because you can go swimming and bike-riding and especially because there's no school."

Kaye Krause likes spring."That's the prettiest time of the year to me and a lot of miracles happen."

Anna Davis likes fall "because I like leaves falling and jumping in them."

Kelli McKenzie agrees.

Karla Dahms likes winter for "sliding and I can go ice-skating."

Fred Allen likes summer. "It's the time for swimming, water skiiing, to go go on a vacation, more time to be with friends or one spcial friend."

Mike Markus chooses spring. "Everything is starting to come back to life, from a long winter's sleep. And it's such a nice feeling to see the flowers, trees, grass coming back to life with nice smells in the air."

Tal Bentley likes summer "because there's no school and it's warm."

Jim Bare likes winter for "skiing and sledding up north. Then you get all cold and come in and sit by the furnace heater with some hot cocoa."

Sheila Crandall likes "summer. I live on a lake and I like to water ski, swim and do a lot of things. It would not be cold. Summer is the hottest season and there is no school."

Mike Kunow likes summer "for water skiiing Last year I couldn't water ski because I broke my leg the year before. So I'm really looking forward to water skiiing in the summer again."

Denise Bricher likes spring."All things come out and they bloom very fine."

Lance Bilger selects spring "because in spring everyone is happy."

Scott Terry likes fall when "football starts and the end of fall when basketball starts."

Dann Lammers likes summer."It's always nice in the summer time. You can go swimming. It's not wet like spring or cold like fall and winter."

Mike Beebe likes winter. " It seems like a lot more people are happier; it must be the Christmas spirit. You can go snowmobiling, snowball fighting and so on. I wish it were longer."

Penny Holden likes them all. "I don't have a favorite season because all the seasons have something special that I like to do in them."

YEARBOOK continued-

The yearbook staff is looking for small cartoons, original and hand drawn black ink on white paper. If you are interested and can do the drawing, see Ms. Ruggles. The cover design contest deadline has been extended to Monday, December 13.

The staff meets after school Tuesdays and Fridays in room 103.

K.L.

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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF A TURKEY

I, Theddeus Gobbler, being of sound mind and body, bequeath all my worldly possessions to the following people.

To my dear mother Thelma and my dear father Tony, I leave my prized possession, my hidden bag of corn.

To my dear sister Emily Gobbler Turkey, I leave the right to record my life story, my memoirs.

To my Aunt Tammy and my Uncle Terry, I leave my beautiful and very well-cared-for tail feathers.

To my brother-in-law Timmy Turkey, I leave my very precious ear of sweet corn.

To the rotten people who are going to eat me for Thanksgiving or Christmas, I leave one bad case of ptomaine.

Signed,
Theddeus Gobbler

P.S. I've go to run before I lose my head.

by Carol Dundon

HISTORY MAKER - W. H. HARRISON

William Henry Harrison is a man to remember out of presidents. He made history easily. His 1840 campaign was the first to employ such modern slogans, songs and symbols and parades on a grand scale. He was the first to draw more than a million votes. He was the first Whig president; he was the oldest to be sworn in and elected. He delivered the longest inaugural speech. He served the shortest term, a month and a day. He had more grandchildren, 48, one of which was Benjamin Harrison, the 23th president and great-grandchildren, 106, than any other president. He was also the first president to die in office.

by C. Erickson

WINTER

Winter, northward wind, so bitter, so cold.
Winter is the holiday season. Blizzards ice, and slight snowstorms,
So white, like a soaring blanket across great fields,
But fun, snowmen, snow fights, snowmobile rides, sledding.
Best of all, the sleigh ride. Winter
Winter, snowflakes, a diamond on a ring,
The grass wears ever winter
Winter - I like it best of all.

by Denise Bricker

8th GRADE BASKETBALL

The 8th Grade team played its first game last Thursday against North Christian at North Christian.

The team is made up of the following boys. "A" team - Rick Ampey, Fred Allen, Rick Bradford, Mike Cooksey, Scott Curtis, Scott Cyrus, Jon Duell, Dave Gipson, Brad Hozer, Mike Prawat, Mark Preston, Scott Terry & Ross Towle. "B" team - Bryan Bacon, Chris Baker, Sal Bentley, Chris Berry, Lance Bilger, Seth Bowes, Randy Counterman, Jeff Fadel, Doug Fowler, Rick Helseth, Steve Hill, Jim Imus, Mike Kunow, Craig Lantz, Rod Millek, Kevin Mills, Darrin Nagy, Rick Pugsley, Jim Rice, Bob Ritsema, Kevin Scotese, Rory Sherburn, Tim Thomas, Jeff Turner, Scott Warren and Ron Vanderwall.

They are coached by Mr. Curt Mattney.

What Goes Up . . . ? read on.

One day while Sammy Featherstone was working in his junior chemistry set, he came upon a small bottle. The bottle was wihout a label. Sammy was curious as usual and opened it. It was a liquid, puce in color, with a dull, sickening aroma. Sammy then put it on his bunsen burner and heated it up. All of a sudden, the bottle floated into the air and up to the ceiling. He quickly grabbed a ladder and retrieved the bottle. He then found a pair of rubber waders and poured the substance over them. It dried and the waders started to rise and he quickly grabbed them. He slipped them on and nothing happened. He then leaped high as he could. At the peak of his jump, he stopped dead. All of a sudden he started to float up until he reached the celing. The next morning his mom set the waders outside because the smell grew worse. Later in the day he asked his mom if she had seen the waders. She said they were outside. He ran out to the yard and found nothing.

The moral of this story is- What goes up must come down, so watch for a stinky pair of waders, will ya?

by Russ Hoffmann

CHRISTMAS POETRY

Christmas vacation is a time
when people get together with joy
in their hearts.
When children laugh and play in the
snow,
When you hear hoofs beat on the roof,
Christmas is here.

by Cathy Miler

Girls Finish Basketball Season

Our school should be proud of our 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams. They did their best to win. Both teams showed exceptional sportsmanship. Our 8th grade team didn't have a winning season. Their record was 1 win, 9 losses. The girls tried their best. The team was as follows: Marla Galbraith, Marion Stamp, Gay Burchard, Patty Thayer, Cindy DeHaan, Lori Flowers, Missy Kinter, Shelly Larson, Diane Bailey, Kathie Brill, Chris Koziol, Ruth Longaore, Sheryl Leach, Julie Mead, Tara Moore, Shawn Shinaberry, Lynn Smith, Laura Vesey, Judy Hysell, and their great coach was Mr. Watterworth.

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Basketball continued...

On the other hand, our 7th grade team had a winning season. Their record was 8 wins and 3 losses. One thing you can say about both teams is that they never gave up when they were behind. During the 7th graders' last game, Paw Paw was behind by 10 points at one time and came back to win by 2 points. The gilrs on the team were Jill Stiglich Theresa Millek, Kim Paquin, Sandy Austin Karen Vesey, Holly Ortman, Jean Surdy, Melissa Barnes, Sue Dent, Annette Doty, Peggy Burchard, Cheryl Crouse, Donna Ghastin, Debbie Terry, Chris Gothard, Barb Brennan, Kriss Scotese, Beth Williams Juliet Serbenski, Cindy Radley, Patty Zolp, and their outstanding coach was Mr. Ruesink. I think our school owes a lot of credit to both basketball teams.

HOOPSHOOT WINNERS!

A Hoopshoot competition was held November 17 in the middle school gym. Winning in the 10-11 year old bracket for girls was Kris Bowser, runner-up was Jana Preston. 10-11 year-old winner for boys was Chris Allen, runner-up was Randy Begeman. In the 12-13 year-old class for girls , Jill Stiglich took first place, runner-up was Lois Foraker. For boys 12-13, the winner was Rick Klingel, runner-up Chris Jones. These people represented Paw Paw in the district competition also sponsored by the Elks at Paw Paw High School Saturday.

by M.B.

Eligibility - Student Council - Ideas

As a follow-up to our discussion in the last issue about eligibility for student council, Debbie Terrell interviewed a number of the student council officer-candidates prior to the election. Here is what they had to say .

Jodie Lugar: "I think you should get good grades because you've got to have brains."

Monica Barker:"I think that C+ is about average and you should try to get it."

Jenny Nondorf: "I think setting a certain standard in order to be on student council is a good idea because if someone doesn't care enough to get high grades and work at it, they won't care about student council either."

Eligibilty continued...

Tammy DeValle: " I think the people who have D's and E's should stay in the class room."
Laura Turas : "I think if you got a low grade once in awhile you should be able to stay in student council."
Brenda Danger:" I think you should get C+ because you have to have brains and won't be able to keep up with your studies if you don't."
Diane Zalwwski:" I think the eligibility rules are fair because you have to have brains."
If you would care to voice your opinion, please bring it to room 103.

Faculty Spotlight - Ms. Lundquist

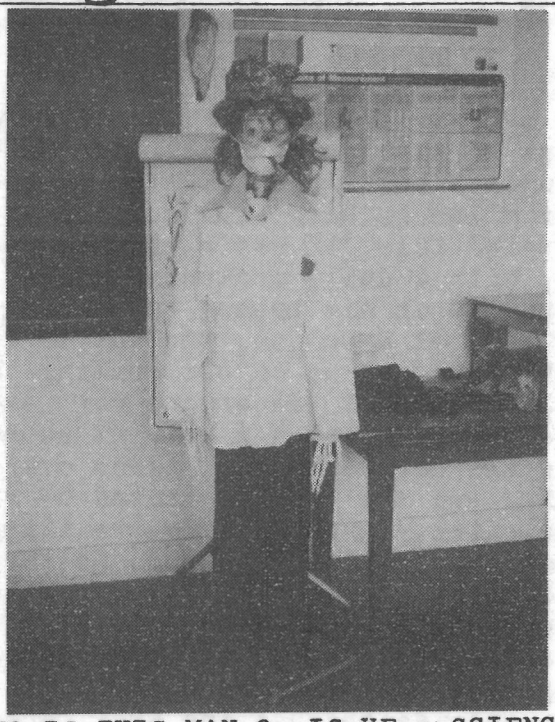
Ms. Lundquist, whose full name is Karen Lundquist, is 25. She decided to become an art teacher because she likes to see everyone put their imaginations to good use. Ms. Lundquist went to school for 4 years at Western Michigan University. Since then she's taught 6ht grade and now teaches art only. Her zodiac sign is Aquarius and her hobbies are Batik, needlepoint, and sewing. As for pets, she has a fish that swims backwards.

Favorite color: Navy blue
Favorite animal: Polar bear
Favorite song: she doesn't know the name of it but it's Elton John's new song.
Favorite Food: tacos
Favorite female singer: Roberta Flack
Favorite male singer: Dan Fogelberg
Favorite subject: Art, of course

by Pam DePierre

HAHA Ho Ho!

What do you call a dreaded fear fo Christmas?
Santa Claustrophobia !
by M.M.



WHO IS THIS MAN ? IS HE a SCIENCE TEACHER?(notice the metric charts behind him.) For an answer, check Mr. Snyder's room.

JIMMY CARTER SEEN BY STAFFER

Mike Marcelletti spent a vacation in the South and wrote this report of seeing Carter in Georgia.

We arrived only a few minutes after Carter had entered the church. We went up to the ropes to wait for him. After a long wait, some of the other Carters came out. Amy hid behind a car; apparently she is very shy. Then finally Jimmy Carter himself came out. As soon as he came out, I was squashed up by the crowd. The man right beside me didn't even make a move to shake hands with Carter. May be he was a Secret Service man. In the end, one of our family managed to shakke hands with him.

BUS DRIVER INTERVIEW

Diane Zalewski decided to interview a bus driver for a change, hers, as a matter of fact.

Mrs. Carlsen is Diane's bus driver. Her favorite color is orange. Her favorite animal is the deer. Favorite song for her is "Feelings." She likes all subjects and her favorite sport is softball. Favorite activity is busdriving.

And Dianees favorite bus driver is Mrs. Carlsen.

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Pictured above are Mark Hoger and Scott Warren at dress rehearsal for the talent show last Tuesday. The boys were unable to be in the show itself for personal reasons.

TALENT SHOW SUCCESS

Jill Stiglich, Jean Surdy, and Debbie Terry playing flute, singing, and playing guitar to the tune of "Leaving on a jet plane " took first place in the 3rd annual talent show staged February 22.

Tammie Flowers won second place tap dancing. Third prize went to Chris Koziol and Kim Wright for their dance routine. Entertainer of the year award went to Laurie Hendrickson and Becky Woodhams for their original comedy ventriloquist act.

Also participating were Barb Berner, Traci Grudecki, Lesley Smith, Karen Frimand, Jolinda Jach, the Paw Paw Dance Troupe, and would have included Mark Hoger and Scott Warren.

Mrs. Howard was the faculty sponsor.

by M.B.

Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Dobbs Take leaves

Mrs. Howard has taken a leave of absence to have her baby. We will miss her but look forward to her return next year. Also on a leave of absence is Mrs. Dobbs.

St. Pat's Day Explained

St. Patrick's Day is next week Thursday. St. Patrick was a bishop and an apostle of Ireland. When he was sixteen he was carried off by raiders as a slave and taken to Ireland for six years. He then escaped to Gaul, France of today.

A vivid imagination invented the legend that gave St. Patrick the credit for getting rid of the serpents on the island of Ireland, although there were never any serpents there in the first place.

by C.D.

WAPPAW GOES to Press

The 1976-77 Wappaw Jr. has gone to press . It takes the printers approximately 10 weeks to process the book. It should be available to students by late May.

The staff this year includes the following people :Pam Blacksten, Nita Ricketson, Kyle Caldwell, Chris Clement, Judy Hysell. Shawn Thompson, Lynn Conally, Becky Woodhams, Becky Lantz, Cheryl Crouse. Melanie Conally, Mary Haluch, Donna Clarke, Jon Duell, Mike Beebe, Dave Deab, Kurt Lucas, Nancy Markus, and Teri Ross. They deserve a lot of credit for a long,tedious job.

NEWS BRIEFS

Much has been happening since the last issue of the Good Times. We lost 11 days of school some where in January, the band went to solo and ensemble, bringing home many awards, the basketball season came to an end, (see p.4 for more coeverage), and the second dance of the year was held February 19.

Opinions? We want 'em!

If you have an opinion you'd like to air, or a gripe you need to express write to the Good Times. Drop off your letter to room 103.